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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA PRIORITY

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USMTNDEL GENEVA INFO - AM. EMB. BRASILIA

E.O. 11652:

TAGS:ETRD, MTN, BR

SUBJECT:VISIT OF AMBASSADOR WOLFF AND MEETING OF US-BRAZIL
SUBGROUP ON TRADE

REF USMTN: A) BRASILIA 1671 B) GENEVA 2776

1. DURING HIS DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA, AMBASSADOR WOLFF WAS
REFERRING TO A VISIT IN CONNECTION WITH A TRADE SUBGROUP
MEETING. AT THE TIME OF THIS DISCUSSION, EXACT TIMING
OF PRESIDENTIAL TRIP WAS NOT KNOWN AND OUR BEST ESTIMATE FOR
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MEETING OF TRADE SUBGROUP WAS THE END OF MARCH OR EARLY
APRIL.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SUBGROUP MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
PRESIDENT'S VISIT IS NOT PRACTICABLE. BECAUSE OF TRAVEL
COMMITMENTS OF U.S. DEL PRINCIPALS, BEST DATE FOR SUBGROUP
MEETING WOULD BE WEEK OF MAY 1. THIS SHOULD ALSO ALLOW GOB

AMPLE TIME TO PREPARE FOR DISCUSSIONS.

3. WE EXPECT THAT, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO MTN ISSUES, SUBGROUP SHOULD GO INTO DETAIL ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES FOR PURPOSES OF BRIDGING, IN A CONCRETE WAY, US-BRAZILIAN

DIFFERENCES IN THE NEGOTIATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE PRELIMINARY DETAILED REVIEW OF MTN ISSUES PRIOR TO SUBGROUP MEETING. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND A LOWER LEVEL TEAM TO BRASILIA FOR SUCH REVIEW IN LAST HALF OF APRIL, IF GOB BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

4. ONE OF BIG QUESTION MARKS IS DEGREE OF BRAZILIAN COMMITMENT TO MTN. BRAZIL HAS NOT YET TABLED ANY OFFERS ON CONTRIBUTIONS IN GENEVA. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FIRM INDICATION THAT BRAZIL IS WILLING TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS (AND DISCUSS SERIOUSLY THE SPECIFICS INVOLVED) IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN IN OUR OFFER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BRAZIL AND ESPECIALLY IF WE ARE TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS. WE WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS CODE ISSUES PRODUCTIVELY UNLESS WE HAVE AGREEMENT THAT BRAZIL WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE OBLIGATIONS IN RETURN FOR THE BENEFITS EMBODIED THEREIN.

5. DRAWING ON THE ABOVE, REQUEST EMBASSY: A) DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSED DATES FOR SUBGROUP MEETING; B) GOB ATTITUDE TOWARD USEFULNESS AND TIMING OF PREPARATORY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROUP DISCUSSION; C) ASSESS LIKELIHOOD OF PRODUCTIVE TRADE SUBGROUP SESSION. VANCE

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